The Commissioner of Labour held discussions with the parties on 26th September 1961 when they agreed in writing to accept his decision on the fixation of wages and dearness allowance for differ-ent categories of employees. The Commissioner of Labour has promised to send his recommendation in respect of other demands of the union and it is awaited.

IV.—GOVERNMENT MOTIONS.

(1) TRANSACTION OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS ON A NON-OFFICIAL DAY.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Sir, I move—

'That Rule 23 of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules be suspended and the House do resolve to transact Government business on Thursday, the 9th November 1961.'

The motion was put and carried.

V.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS HINDU RELIGIOUS AND CHARITABLE ENDOWMENTS (SECOND AMENDMENT) BILL, 1961 (L.C. BILL NO. 4 OF 1961).

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I move—

'That the Madras Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Second Amendment) Bill, 1961 (L.C. Bill No. 4 of 1961) as passed by the Legislative Council be taken into consideration.'

Sir, in the working of the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1959, some difficulties have arisen necessitating action for amending the Act. I shall now briefly explain the amendments to the Act proposed in the Bill.

Section 9 (2) (*c*) of the Madras Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1959, lays down that where the post of the Commissioner is not held by a member of the Madras State Higher Judicial Service, at least one of the posts of Deputy Commissioners shall be held by a member of the Madras State Judicial Service. The object of this provision is that there should be at least one member of the Judiciary in the higher ranks of the department. Section 9 (2) (*c*) before it was amended by Madras Act 12 of 1961 provided for recruitment to the post of Commissioner only from among the members of the Madras State Higher Judiciary Service or any other service or by direct recruitment. Section 9 (2) (*c*) as amended by the Madras Act 12 of 1961 enlarged the scope of recruitment to the post of the Commissioner by inclusion of the members of the Madras State Judicial Service also. After this amendment, the post of the Commissioner is now held by a member of the Madras State Judicial Service. Section 9 (2) (*c*) as it stands requires that another member of the Madras State Judicial Service shall be appointed as a Deputy Commissioner. As it is not the intention that both the posts of the Commissioner